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### **South Fulton Officials Provide Update on Loch Lomond Sinkholes**

*City Working with Atlanta Watershed Management to Repair Damage Caused by Leaking Water Main*

(City of South Fulton, GA – November 23, 2022) – The City of South Fulton continues to work with Atlanta Watershed management to restore water service and repair roads damaged last week by underground erosion from a broken water main.

Here's where we things stand as of November 23.

City officials received notice one Nov. 11 of two large sinkholes on Orkney Lane in the Loch Lomond neighborhood. The holes formed when a large utility truck crossed the pavement, causing the first sinkhole and becoming trapped in it.

Inspections later found three sinkholes of various sizes, one of which covered 24 feet by 40 feet.

The water main leak, which appears to have originated at the intersection of Orkney Lane and Tartan Lane, resulted in soil undermining, pavement heaving and erosion on Orkney Lane from the intersection of Tartan Lane to the intersection with Loch Lomond Trail and continuing to a large culvert at Wright's Lake.

During a follow up inspection on Nov. 21 using penetrating radar, officials found major erosion and determined extensive roadway and drainage repairs are needed. Crews were onsite that day removing asphalt and soil. Work is expected to continue through Nov. 23 as crews install crusher run, a mixture of course and fine stone, to provide temporary access to homes in the area as repairs are planned.

All repairs to the water main, surrounding dirt and the road will be managed by Atlanta Watershed Management following Georgia Department of Transportation guidelines.

Additionally, officials found signs of possible damage to the culvert at Wright's Lake as well as a large amount of sedimentation that will need to be removed to restore the free flow of water.

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**About the City of South Fulton**

Home to more than 108,500 residents, the City of South Fulton is Georgia's seventh-largest city. It covers more than 86 square miles and features both urban and rural landscapes with the most undeveloped land on metro Atlanta's southern side. Incorporated on May 1, 2017, South Fulton is among Georgia's youngest and fasts-growing cities – on the rise and recognized as the place you want to be. Learn more, download our smartphone app and connect with us on social media at [cityofsouthfultonga.gov](http://cityofsouthfultonga.gov).